



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

We wrapped up another busy week in Washington with some good news: yesterday, in a unanimous 3-0 decision, the US Court of Appeals upheld the suspension of President Trump's travel ban because it presents "significant constitutional questions" – a suspension that allowed a Bedford family to [reunite with their daughter](#).

It was my honor to watch Vian Dakhil accept the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice Prize in the Capitol. She alerted the world to the attempted genocide of the Yazidi people. Vian is ISIS's number one target, and almost couldn't make it to the ceremony because of President Trump's travel ban. Learn more about her work [here](#).

Before flying to D.C., I met with Seacoast mayors to discuss challenges and opportunities for their communities.

### **Ethics, checks and balances**

I take Congress's oversight responsibility seriously—and right now, we have our work cut out for us. Just this week:

- A top White House staffer [broke the law](#) by encouraging Americans to buy the President's daughter's products – after the President himself publicly attacked an American company.
- The Department of Defense [announced plans](#) to pay the President millions in rent for an office in Trump Tower.
- The First Lady claimed in a lawsuit that her proximity to the Presidency would have allowed her to [make millions](#) off her "brand."
- After the President attacked the judicial branch on Twitter, his own Supreme Court nominee called the comments "[demoralizing](#)."

It's more important than ever to keep a check on the Executive Branch. That's why I have formally called for investigations into a number of the ethical breaches to date, and will continue inviting colleagues on both sides of the aisle to fully exercise the Legislative Branch's power as a watchdog.

### Welcoming constituents to the Capitol



Thanks to Deputy Director David Kelly from Hampton for briefing me on the important work the New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program is doing to combat our state's opioid crisis, and congrats to New England HIDTA on this week's award for their outstanding work.



I was happy to see constituents who work at the Shipyard and for the Department of Homeland Security at the American Federation of Government Employees breakfast. We talked about the hard work federal employees do for our country, and agreed they should be respected for it.

#### **Advocating for troops, veterans & families**

This week, I was re-appointed to the [Military Personnel and Readiness](#) subcommittees of the House Armed Services Committee for a fourth term. I was a military spouse, and I look forward to continuing to advocate for our troops, veterans and their families as a member of the Military Personnel and Readiness subcommittees. The Military Personnel Subcommittee works to ensure that our troops and their families are receiving the benefits that they deserve. The Readiness Subcommittee makes sure that our troops are properly trained and their equipment is properly maintained so they can succeed in their missions. I'm looking forward to working on these subcommittees to keep Pease Air National Guard Base strong and keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard the best shipyard in the nation. They are both critical to our nation's defense.

#### **Supporting working families**

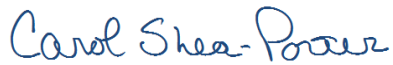
It's wrong that the United States is the only industrialized nation in the world that still doesn't guarantee working parents paid time off to care for their newborns. That's why this week, together with 113 colleagues, I [reintroduced](#) the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act, a bill to create a national paid family and medical leave insurance program and ensure that American workers no longer have to choose between a paycheck and caring for a family member.

I previously co-introduced the FAMILY Act in 2013, but despite broad support for paid family leave, House Republicans never called a vote on the bill. Now, I'm calling on Speaker Ryan to allow a vote on the FAMILY Act, because New Hampshire workers shouldn't have to choose between their family's health and economic security.

I also recently [co-introduced](#) another bill to support New Hampshire's working families, the Child Tax Credit Improvement Act, which would boost the tax break's value and ensure it keeps up with the costs working parents face, including the quickly-rising cost of childcare.

Thank you for the great honor of serving you.

Best Wishes,



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